

WILSON MAY TAKE CRISIS TO CAPITOL BORDER HEARS RUMOR OF NEW FIGHT

GERMANS HOLD STATEMENT TO FLEURY, BUT AT BE MADE ON FEARFUL COST CRISIS TODAY

Kaiser Pays 1,000 Lives for
Every Hour in Town Near
Verdun.

50,000 RESERVES IN ATTACK

Desperate Battle Raging From
House to House—Prussians
Win Thiaumont.

LONDON, June 25.—After
bringing into action troops meant
for the re-enforcement of Von
Hindenburg, and reforming the
Prussian guard, the Germans have
succeeded in getting within three
miles of Verdun after the most
terrific onslaughts of the war.

Pushing forward 50,000 men to
the front line, the crown prince
advanced against a wall of flame
and machine gun fire, and in spite
of a heroic French resistance,
captured Thiaumont redoubt, tak-
ing 2,673 prisoners and the village
of Fleury.

Although the French estimate
that every hour of the attack cost
the Kaiser 1,000 men, General
Petain has not been able thus far
to dislodge the enemy.

DESPERATE BATTLE RAGES.

Like the desperate struggle in the
streets of Vaux, this battle raged from
house to house in Fleury. For blood-
iness it equaled the hand-to-hand com-
bat in Fort Douaumont, where for two
days French and Bavarians fought until
all were killed.

More than 100,000 men, or five divi-
sions, are estimated by the French to
have been hurled into this assault east
of the Meuse. All the reserves have
been gathered up from the other sectors
about Verdun, to widen the breach, the
Germans maintaining a heavy artillery
fire over the whole front to prevent
French counter-attacks.

The French admit the German success,
but they still hold the strategic advan-
tage in the Fleury sector.

The Germans have captured the Thiaumont
work after three weeks of titanic
effort, but the French advanced line still
holds good, possessing the greater part
of Hills 320 and 321.

Russ Reach Carpathians.

On the eastern front the onrushing
armies of General Brusiloff have reached
the foot of the Carpathians with all the
crown land of Bukovina in their con-
trol.

The Russian general is now pushing
toward Kolomea, a railroad center, the
possession of which would threaten the
Austro-German Galician line.

Having captured Kutly, on the Caser-
moh, a tributary of the Pruth forming
the boundary between the Bukovina
and Galicia, the Russian line advancing
on Kolomea forms a further menace to
the Teuton armies.

Further south, the left wing of the
Russian army in the Bukovina has
swung further westward to Kimpolung,
where Vienna announces stubborn fight-
ing.

Say They Saw Villa
On American Side

Railroad Men Assert Bandit Was
Near El Paso With Other
Mexicans.

EL PASO, Tex., June 24.—Pancheo
Villa, well and sound, is reported men
on the American side of the boundary,
and has been seen within fifteen miles
of El Paso, according to reputable
American railroad men. As their train
was passing Canutillo, Tex., yesterday,
a Mexican, believed to be Villa, passed
in an automobile, with two companions.
They had then seen him in Juarez
and El Paso. They say they had heard
many reports previously that Villistas
were recruiting men in the district
where they saw the bandit leader.

Lansing Says Announcement
Relative to Situation Will Be
Given Out This Afternoon.

SILENT AS TO CONTENTS

President and Secretaries of
State and War Have Num-
ber of Conferences.

Secretary of State Lansing said
today that a formal statement on
the Mexican situation will be
issued by the State Department
this afternoon.

Secretary Lansing made this
statement after conferences with
President Wilson and Secretary of
War Baker this morning, at which
the policy of this Government to-
ward Mexico was decided upon.

President Wilson and Secretary
Lansing were in conference for
more than half an hour at the
White House.

Leaving the White House, Secre-
tary Lansing went to the War De-
partment, where he was closeted
with Secretary Baker for another
half hour.

SILENT ON STATEMENT.

Secretary Lansing would give no indi-
cation of the contents of the forthcom-
ing statement.

He would not say whether it is to be
a general announcement of the policy of
the United States Government with refer-
ence to the critical condition now ex-
isting, or whether it merely would relate
to the efforts of the United States to
obtain the release of the American pris-
oners at Chihuahua City.

Following the conference between the
heads of the State and War Department
there were reports that Secretary Baker
had sent new orders to General Funston
regarding the Mexican campaign.
Neither Secretary Lansing nor Secretary
Baker would discuss this.

Talk of Going to Congress.

Neither would the White House or
State Department discuss the report
that the President is considering going
before Congress to put up to that body
the entire Mexican situation.

Secretary Lansing on leaving the
White House maintained absolute
silence.

Asked if a note demanding that Carranza
repudiate the attack on American
troops at Carrizal and demanding the
release of the American cavalrymen held
there, he refused to allow any-
one to enter unprovided with creden-
tials.

Officials of the regiment expect to go
via Galveston, and drills are being car-
ried on in the army. All expected to
spend today at Camp Whitman, and
been sent out ahead had to be recall-
ed by telephone. They reached the ar-
mory late last night.

J. William Lee Dead
In Baltimore Hospital

BALTIMORE, Md., June 25.—J. Wil-
liam Lee, an undertaker of Washing-
ton, died at Johns Hopkins Hospital
this morning after a short ill-
ness. He is survived by a widow and
four children. Arrangements are be-
ing made to take his body to his home
tonight.

ACTIVE IN PEACE NEGOTIATIONS



Above—AMBASSADOR NAON, of Argentina.
Below—IGNACIO CALDERON, Minister From Bolivia.

District Guardsmen To Start for Border Within a Few Days

Departure of some of the organiza-
tions in the District militia from the
mobilization camp near Fort Myer to
the Mexican border probably will be-
gin within the next several days.

Before many hours have elapsed Gen-
eral Wood, commanding the Department
of the East, U. S. A., will receive no-
tification from Capt. Horace Hobbs
that one or more organizations in
the local citizen-soldiers are "reason-
ably ready."

General Wood is expected immedi-
ately to communicate this fact to
General Funston, and the latter to
designate the points on the border
where he wants the organizations to
report.

The Signal Corps of the militia, with
full war strength, probably will be in
the Federal service before tonight.
Capt. Oliver Terry, commanding the
Signal Corps, was informed by Captain
Hobbs shortly after noon that as soon
as the men were ready to be mustered
the ceremony would begin.

He immediately returned to the
Signal Corps quarters to get his men,
equipment, and muster cards ready for
inspection and muster by Captain
Hobbs.

Others Practically Ready.

Several other organizations in the
militia are practically ready for muster.
As soon as their commanders say the
word, Captain Hobbs will muster them
into the Federal service.

The organizations in this class are the
field hospital corps, Troop A, Batteries
A and B, of the Field Artillery, First
Separate Battalion of Infantry, colored,
machine gun company and supply com-
pany.

It is not improbable that all of these
organizations will be in the Federal
service before the end of this week.

In the case of the signal corps, it will
be a matter of selecting the eighty-five
best men from among a total enlisted
strength of 160.

Captain Terry believes his eighty-five
picked men will constitute a signal corps

company which will give a splendid ac-
count of itself in discharging the im-
portant duties devolving upon this
branch of the service.

Col. W. O. Owens, medical inspector
of the mobilization camp, and First
Lieutenants Richard L. Cooke and A.
Bond Hoot, medical reserve corps, in-
formed Captain Hobbs today they were
ready to proceed with the physical ex-
aminations incident to the muster.

All of the muster rolls necessary for
the organizations in the militia have
been received, all the clerical work in
connection with the muster, so far as
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New York Looking For U-Boat Today

Big Town Stirred by Report From
Madrid, Submarine Is En Route
With Letter for Wilson.

NEW YORK, June 25.—The city today
awaited with great interest a German
submarine reported due to arrive here
with a letter from the Kaiser to Presi-
dent Wilson.

The information was given in a report
sent to Lloyd's in London, by its Madrid
correspondent.

This report, the correspondent stated,
is unconfirmed in Madrid, but has been
circulated persistently since the U-35
arrived there with a message from the
Kaiser to King Alfonso. It is denied in
Madrid that this was a peace appeal.

"Spanish papers," the dispatch says,
"publish a telegram from Cadiz saying
an important personage states that an-
other boat is on its way to New York
bearing an autograph letter from the
Kaiser to President Wilson, and that it
is expected here on Sunday."

The dispatch then describes the arrival
of the U-35 at Cartagena harbor and
the events during its short stay there.

ELISEO ARREDONDO,
Ambassador Designate From Mexico

MEDIATION OFFERED BY LATIN AMERICA

Diplomats of Six Countries In-
formally Propose Arbitration
to Carranza.

Six Latin-American nations already
have made informal suggestions of me-
diation between the United States and
Mexico, both to Ambassador Designate
Arredondo here and to Minister of For-
eign Relations Aguilar in Mexico, it was
learned today.

All of these suggestions urge Carranza
to try to take advantage of article 21
of the Treaty of Guadalupe, of 1848,
providing that, in case of threatened
hostilities between Mexico and the United
States, the government "which deems itself
aggrieved" may propose "arbitration of com-
missioners appointed on each side."

Carranza Favors Proposal.

Persons in Washington closely in-
touch with the Carranza government
today expressed the belief that Carranza
looked with favor on such a proposal,
and is even now considering how it may
be effected without seeming to concede too
much to the demands of the United States.

In this connection Latin-American
diplomats who read closely the Carranza
note to this Government of May 22 and
Secretary Lansing's reply, pointed to the
nineteenth paragraph of the Carranza note,
which made mention of the treaty of 1848.

This was the paragraph which stated
that if the troops of the United States
remained in Mexico there would be no
other cause but a "resort (also trans-
lated appeal) to arms," but qualified
the statement by saying that the de-
facto government felt it to be its duty
to first exhaust every means of main-
taining peace "and in accordance
therewith attention is called to article
21 of the treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo."

In his reply to this note, it was
pointed out, Secretary Lansing quoted
only as far as the portion relating to a
"resort to arms," and since that the
position of this Government has been
that the Mexican situation is not a
question for mediation, but that the
American troops are going into Mexico
solely for the purpose of protecting
American citizens.

Six Nations Active.

The nations taking the most active
part in trying to effect mediation are
Spain, Argentina, Chile, Ecuador, Bo-
livia, and Salvador.

Minister Ignacio Calderon, of Bo-
livia, has called upon Arredondo to
ask whether mediation would be ac-
ceptable, and Ambassador Naon, of
Argentina, has been in telegraphic com-
munication with embassy representa-
tives here about the situation. He
deems it so important that he has
wired to Washington that he will be
here early this week and he is ex-
pected to stay.

Minister Zaldivar, of Salvador, and
Minister Cordova, of Ecuador, also
have been active in conferences.

To meet the position of the United
States, Latin American diplomats al-
ready have discussed, it was learned
today, the possibility of a co-operation
between their nations and the United
States in the establishment of a neutral
zone, to be patrolled by an international
police force. The status of our relations
to Mexico, in that event, is the subject
of much speculation.

Latin-American diplomats are expected
to take their first active steps toward
mediation tomorrow by calls upon Sec-
retary Lansing to ascertain his attitude
toward their efforts.

DECISIVE CLASH WITH GEN. TREVINO'S FORCE IS EXPECTED HOURLY

News of Rescue Column Sent Out After
Ambushed Cavalrymen and Troops Near
San Antonio, Mex., Anxiously Awaited;
Carranzistas Lost Fifty Dead is Report.

That President Wilson will go before Congress
tomorrow and make a statement which will be, in ef-
fect, an ultimatum to Mexico was the report which
spread rapidly this afternoon in Administration and
Congressional circles.

It was the belief that if the President does make
his visit to Congress his expected statement will be of
such a character as to leave Carranza absolutely nothing
else to do but back down or fight.

EL PASO, June 25.—Rumors are persistent that Gen-
eral Trevino's Carranza force has again attacked General
Pershing's force near San Antonio, Mexico, but General
Bell, the American commander here, had heard nothing of
it officially up to noon. The Mexican consul had no con-
firmation either.

Everyone on the border, army men included, is con-
vinced from the movements of the Mexican forces that the
threat to renew the fight against the Americans is or shortly
will be carried out.

Momentarily there is expected news of another clash
—a clash that is likely to be much more serious than the
one at Carrizal.

BORDER STRAINS EARS FOR NEWS.

Consequently the border strained its ears today for
news from the south, especially from the rescue column
sent out by General Pershing after the American cavalry-
men ambushed at Carrizal, also for news from Pershing's
troops reported yesterday as moving south near San An-
tonio, Chihuahua.

Gen. Jacinto Trevino, the Carranza commander, as-
serted yesterday that he would attack them immediately
they came within range of the rifles of his troops. It is also
believed that fighting has been taking place between the
rescue columns sent toward Carrizal and Mexicans in that
vicinity, who are in large numbers now since the abandon-
ment of Juarez by its garrison and the movement of the
force to the vicinity of Carrizal and Villa Ahumada.

The Carranzistas involved in the fight with the Ameri-
cans at Carrizal lost more than fifty dead and wounded, ac-
cording to unprejudiced reports brought to El Paso this
morning by Mexican refugees who arrived here on a train
from Chihuahua City.

Twenty-three dead Mexicans were buried near Carrizal
immediately after the fight; several others were taken to
Chihuahua, among them being the Mexican general, Felix
Gomez, and two stock cars were loaded with wounded.
Some of these died on the train, and others have died in the
Chihuahua hospital.

A DIFFERENT VERSION.

These informants have a version regarding the Mexi-
can losses which differ materially from the official version
given out at the commandancia at Juarez. The official
Mexican version places the Mexican losses at about four-
teen.

The arrivals from Chihuahua disclosed that the fight-
ing was done at extremely close range, some of it being
hand-to-hand, and that the troopers fought like demons
until they ran out of ammunition, and were entirely sur-
rounded by the Carranzistas.

This report of close range fighting strengthens the story
that the Mexican losses were heavier than the official Mexi-
can report indicated.

Army men declare that it is inconceivable that the
Mexicans lost no more than fourteen if two troops of United